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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, AUTOMATIC OPERATION METHOD AND AUTOMATIC OPERATION SYSTEM OF SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING APPARATUS, AND AUTOMATIC OPERATION METHOD OF CMP APPARATUS

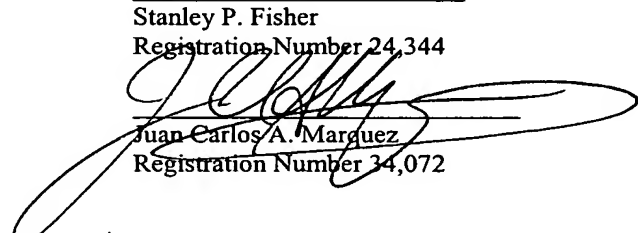
Enclosed are:

- ☒ 6 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Request for Priority to claim priority date of April 11, 2003.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration.
- ☒ An assignment executed by inventor to Hitachi, Ltd.
- ☒ A Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
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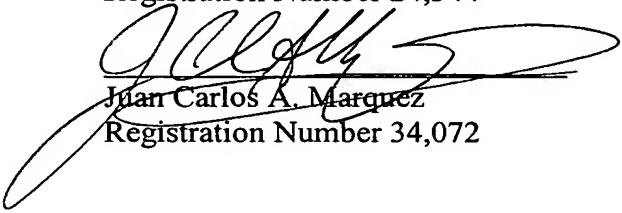
Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of April 11, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-107658.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2003-107658, will be submitted as soon as it is received from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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